



**Office of the City Clerk**  
**BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS**

---

**METROPOLITAN EDUCATION COMMISSION (MEC)**  
(Non-Profit Corporation)

**CREATED BY:**

Resolution No. 15453, October 1, 1990  
Resolution No. 16071, August 3, 1992  
Resolution No. 16446, October 25, 1993  
Resolution No. 20041, April 5, 2005  
Resolution No. 20305, March 21, 2006  
Ordinance 11599, Adopted December 4, 2018

**MEMBERS:**

The Pima County Superintendent of Schools and the Executive Director of the Commission shall serve as ex-officio, non-voting members of the Commission. Representatives shall be appointed from each of the following for a total of 34 members:

Five (5) members each by the following;

- The Mayor and Council;
  - One (1) shall be a parent;
  - One (1) shall be a member of the Tucson City Council
  - One (1) shall be affiliated in some regard with parks, recreation or housing;
  - One (1) shall be affiliated in some regard with libraries, museums or the arts;
  - One (1) shall be affiliated with a social service agency serving youth and children;
- Chairman, Pima County Board of Supervisors;
  - One (1) shall be a parent;
  - One (1) shall be a member of the Pima County Board of Supervisors;
  - One (1) shall be a representative of the health care community;
  - One (1) shall be affiliated with a social service agency serving children and youth;
  - One (1) shall be a member of the religious community representing social services and benefit programs at metro-area churches and synagogues;

## **METROPOLITAN EDUCATION COMMISSION (MEC)**

Page 2 of 4

Four (4) members by the Commission;

- One (1) to represent the disabled community;
- One (1) teacher or administrator from a regionally accredited private institution;
- Two (2) at - large decided by the Commission;

Three (3) members by the Arizona Education Association;

- One (1) teacher from Grades K-6
- One (1) teacher from Grades 5-9
- One (1) teacher from Grades 9-12

Two (2) members each by the following;

- The Tucson Regional Economic Opportunities;
- The Youth Advisory Council;

One (1) member each by the following;

- The Arizona School Administrators Association;
- The Greater Tucson School University Partnership;
- The Arizona School Boards Association;
- The President of the University of Arizona;
- The President of Pima Community College;
- The Metropolitan Tucson Chamber of Commerce;
- The Tucson Urban League;
- The Hispanic Community Forum;
- An organization designated by the Commission to represent the Native American community;
- An organization designated by the Commission to represent the Asian American community;
- The various Tucson education enrichment foundations.

### **QUORUM:**

Majority of the voting members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

Members should be residents of Pima County and should possess knowledge of issues and concerns related to education. Representation on this Commission shall, in every way possible, represent different segments of the community, including age, gender and ethnic groups.

## **METROPOLITAN EDUCATION COMMISSION (MEC)**

Page 3 of 4

### **TERMS OF OFFICE:**

The terms of the members of the Commission appointed by the Chairman of the Pima County Board of Supervisors shall expire with the Chairman's term of office. The terms of the members of the Commission appointed by the mayor and Council shall be four years, except for the initial terms, which shall be staggered as follows: by such means as the Executive Committee shall determine, one-third of such Commissioners shall serve two years, one-third shall serve three years, and one-third shall serve for four years. Commission members may be reappointed, subject to an eight year continuous service limitation.

### **APPLICABILITY OF TUCSON CODE CHAPTER 10A, ARTICLE XIII:**

All provisions of TCC Chapter 10A, Article XIII are applicable. T.C. § 10A-134(c) Appointees, except for advisory members and members of the technical code committees named herein, may not serve on more than two (2) bodies at a time.

### **FUNCTIONS:**

- Identify issues of economic, political, and social importance to education.
- Coordinate the work of the many agencies that support education.
- Articulate ideas, programs, and innovative practices in ways that increase access to the very best concepts and programs.
- Advocate for sound and wise educational policies, practices, and legislation, as well as commitments necessary to raise the government to the highest possible levels of interest in, and support for, education.

### **OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW REQUIREMENTS:**

This public body is subject to all of the provisions of the law. Minutes of meetings are to be maintained by staff of the Commission.

### **SUPPORTING DEPARTMENT:**

Non - City staff.

Arlene Benavidez  
[Arlene@metedu.org](mailto:Arlene@metedu.org)  
Executive Director  
930 E. Broadway Blvd.  
Tucson, AZ 85719  
(520) 670-0055 (telephone)  
(520) 670-1110 (fax)

## **METROPOLITAN EDUCATION COMMISSION (MEC)**

Page 4 of 4

---

### *Historical Notes:*

*Original: On October 1, 1990 - Mayor and Council adopted Resolution #15453, which established in concert with Pima County, the Metropolitan Education Commission. The Commission initially consisted of thirty-one (31) members, 29 voting members and 2 ex-officio non-voting members.*

*March 18, 1991 - Metropolitan Education Commission was granted non-profit corporation status by the State of Arizona Corporation Commission.*

*August 3, 1992 - Mayor and Council adopted Resolution #16071, which amended Resolution #15453, to increase the composition of the Metropolitan Education Commission to thirty-two (32) members by including one (1) representative of the various Tucson education enrichment foundations.*

*October 25, 1993 - Mayor and Council adopted Resolution #16446, which amended Resolution #15453, to increase the composition of the Metropolitan Education Commission to thirty-four (34) members by including two (2) representatives of the Youth Advisory Council.*

*April 5, 2005 – Mayor and Council adopted Resolution #20041, which amended the membership of the Commission to change the representative from the Metropolitan Tucson Commission on Urban Native American Affairs, since the latter commission was abolished by the Mayor and Council, to a representative from a designated Native American organization.*

*March 21, 2006 – Mayor and Council adopted Resolution #20305, which amended the membership of the Commission to change the representatives from the Greater Tucson Economic Council to be representatives from the Tucson Regional Economic Opportunities (TREO).*

*\* December 4, 2018 – Ordinance 11599, amended the Tucson Code, Chapter 10A-134(c) allowing members to serve on up to two (2) BCC's Simultaneously.*